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Organization of work of the Second Committee

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Second Committee will be listed in the letter from the President of the Assembly to the Chairman of the Second Committee (A/C.2/59/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/59/100).

Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the organizational arrangements agreed upon by the Assembly at the outset of its current session (A/59/250) and the availability of documentation. The number of meetings suggested for the general discussion of the agenda items allocated to the Second Committee is based on past experience.

3. Pursuant to paragraph 4, subparagraphs (e) to (g), of section D of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the following items and sub-items have been allocated to the Second Committee: "Information and communication technologies for development"; "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions" (for annual consideration); "Towards global partnerships" (every other year); and "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: participation of volunteers, 'White Helmets', in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development" (every three years).

List of documents

4. Attention is drawn to the documents submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Second Committee contained in the draft programme of work, which provides a full picture of the scope of the Committee's work programme.

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Length of statements

5. The Second Committee, in the past, decided to limit statements on all agenda items, with the exception of the general debate, to 7 minutes and to limit statements during the general debate to 15 minutes.

Practices and working methods

6. The Second Committee, in implementing General Assembly resolution 58/316, in particular paragraphs 3 (c) and (d) of section C of the annex, shall utilize or expand the practice of interactive debates and introduce the practice of "question time".

Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

7. Taking into account the availability of conference services for the Main Committees of the General Assembly, an average of seven formal meetings a week have been scheduled for the Second Committee. Unless otherwise specified, meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. In this connection, the Assembly decided to remind delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. As decided by the Assembly, the requirement of the presence of at least one quarter of the members of the Committee to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived.

Informal consultations

8. In view of the financial measures affecting conference services, and as indicated in the programme of work, some of the formal meetings allocated to the Second Committee will be utilized for informal consultations under the chairmanship of the Vice-Chairmen of the Committee so as to ensure full servicing of those consultations. In accordance with the established practice, informal consultations will be used for expressing general observations on the proposals and for adopting them ad referendum. All drafting will be done at the informal "informals" consultations (without interpretation or other services) and will be conducted by the appointed coordinators/facilitators.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

9. Pursuant to paragraph 4 (c) of section D of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" should be considered in its entirety in plenary.

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

10. Bearing in mind the number of meetings available to the Second Committee, it is proposed that the Committee set a target date of 7 December 2004 for the conclusion of its work.

Annex

Draft programme of work of the Second Committee

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
Week of 13-17 September	
Thursday, 16 September	
10 a.m.	
Organization of work	
Week of 4-8 October*	
Monday, 4 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
General debate	
Tuesday, 5 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
General debate (*continued*)	
Wednesday, 6 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
General debate (*continued*)	
Thursday, 7 October	
Informals on the International Meeting in Mauritius	
Friday, 8 October	
Informals on the International Meeting in Mauritius (*continued*)	
Week of 11-15 October	
Monday, 11 October	
Informals on the International Meeting in Mauritius (*continued*)	

* Observance of World Food Day — one day in October (not programmed yet).

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
Tuesday, 12 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
***Item 85*: Macroeconomic policy questions:**	Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the first phase and progress in the preparations for the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society (A/59/80-E/2004/61)
	Letter dated 15 July 2004 from the Permanent Representatives of Canada and Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/59/155-E/2004/96)
(b) International financial system and development;	Report of the Secretary-General on the international financial system and development
(c) External debt crisis and development.	Report of the Secretary-General on the external debt crisis and development (A/59/219)
Wednesday, 13 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
***Item 86*: Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development**	Summary by the President of the Economic and Social Council of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization (New York, 26 April 2004) (A/59/92-E/2004/73 and Add.1 and 2)
	Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development
	Note by the Secretary-General on innovative sources of financing for development
	Report of the Secretary-General on the results of the analysis on possible innovative sources of financing for development, as called for in paragraph 44 of the Monterrey Consensus
	Report on the state of the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus
	Letter dated 15 July 2004 from the Permanent Representatives of Canada and Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/59/155-E/2004/96)

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 85, 85 (b) and (c)	
Thursday, 14 October	
3 p.m.	
***Item 88*: Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly**	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (A/59/198)
Friday, 15 October	
10 a.m.	
Item 88 *— continued*	
1 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 86	
3 p.m.	
Informal consultations on items 85, 85 (b) and (c), and 86	
Week of 18-22 October	
Monday, 18 October	
Observance of World Food Day	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations on items 85, 85 (b) and (c), and 86 — *continued*	
1 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 88	
Tuesday, 19 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
***Item 87*: Sustainable development:**	Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its eighth special session, containing reports on the work of the Environmental Management Group (29-31 March 2004, Jeju Island, Republic of Korea) (A/59/25, Supplement No. 25)

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
	Report of the Secretary-General on the issue of establishing universal membership for the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum, including its legal, political, institutional, financial and system-wide implications (A/59/262)
	Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (A/59/81-E/2004/63)
(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;	Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (A/59/220)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the activities undertaken during the International Year of Freshwater, 2003, and further efforts to achieve the sustainable development of water resources (A/59/167)
(b) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;	Report of the Secretary-General on promoting an integrated management approach to the Caribbean Sea area in the context of sustainable development (A/59/173)
(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;	Report of the Secretary-General on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction and on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon (A/59/228)
(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;	Note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of United Nations environmental conventions: the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the Convention on Biological Diversity (also under sub-items (e) and (f)) (A/59/197)
(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;	Note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of United Nations environmental conventions: the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the Convention on Biological Diversity (also under sub-items (d) and (f)) (A/59/197)
(f) Convention on Biological Diversity;	Note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of United Nations environmental conventions: the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the Convention on Biological Diversity (also under sub-items (d) and (e)) (A/59/197)

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
(g) United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.	No advance documentation has been requested.
Wednesday, 20 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 87, 87 (a) through (g) *— continued*	
Friday, 22 October	
1 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 87, 87 (a) through (g)	
Week of 25-29 October	
Monday, 25 October	
10 a.m. and 3. p.m.	
Informal consultations on items 87, 87 (a) through (g) and 88	
Tuesday, 26 October	
3 p.m.	
Informal consultations on items 87, 87 (a) through (g) and 88 — *continued*	
Wednesday, 27 October	
10 a.m.	
Action on draft proposals under items 85, 85 (b) and (c) and 86	
Thursday, 28 October	
10 a.m.	
Informal consultations on items 87, 87 (a) through (g) and 88	
Friday, 29 October	
10 a.m.	
Action on draft proposals under item 88	
***Item 89*: Globalization and interdependence:**	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of UNIDO on industrial development cooperation (also under item 91 (c)) (A/59/138)

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
	Letter dated 15 July 2004 from the Permanent Representatives of Canada and Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/59/155-E/2004/196)
(a) Globalization and interdependence;	Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and interdependence
(b) International migration and development;	Report of the Secretary-General on international migration and development
(c) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin;	Report of the Secretary-General on preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin (A/59/203)
(d) Culture and development;	Report of the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other relevant United Nations bodies and multilateral development institutions, on culture and development (A/59/202)
(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy.	Report of the Secretary-General on integration of the economies in transition into the world economy
3 p.m.	
Item 89, 89 (a) through (e) *— continued*	
Week of 1-5 November	
Monday, 1 November	
10 a.m.	
***Item 85*: Macroeconomic policy questions**	Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the first phase and progress in the preparations for the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society (A/59/80-E/2004/61)
***Item 45*: Information and communication technologies for development**	Report of the Secretary-General on information and communication technologies for development: progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 57/295
3 p.m.	
***Item 85*: Macroeconomic policy questions:**	
(a) International trade and development;	Report of the Trade and Development Board (A/59/15, Supplement No. 15)

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
	Report of the Secretary-General on international trade and development and on developments in the multilateral trading system
(d) Commodities.	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on world commodity trends and prospects

6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 89, 89 (a) through (e)

Tuesday, 2 November

1 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 45

3 p.m.

***Item 85, 85 (a) and (d)** — continued*

Wednesday, 3 November

10 a.m.

United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

3 p.m.

United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme

6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 85, 85 (a) and (d)

Thursday, 4 November

10 a.m.

Action on draft proposals under item 87, 87 (a) through (g)

***Item 92*: Operational activities for development:**

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (also under item 100 of the Third Committee) (A/59/135)

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
(b) Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system.	**Report of the Secretary-General containing preliminary statistical data on operational activities for development for 2003** **Report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for 2002 (A/59/84-E/2004/53)** **Report of the Secretary-General: triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/59/85-E/2004/68)**
3 p.m.	
Item 92, 92 (a) and (b) *— continued*	
Friday, 5 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations on items 89, 89 (a) through (e), 45, and 85, 85 (a) and (d)	
6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 92	
Week of 8-12 November	
Monday, 8 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
***Item 40*: Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance:** **(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions;**	**Report of the Secretary-General on humanitarian assistance and rehabilitation for countries and regions (Angola, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Liberia, Malawi, Serbia and Montenegro, Somalia, Tajikistan)** **Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Mozambique (A/59/86-E/2004/69)**
(c) Assistance to the Palestinian people.	**Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (A/59/121-E/2004/88)**
Tuesday, 9 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
***Item 90*: Groups of countries in special situations:**	

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;	Annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (A/59/94-E/2004/77)
(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation.	Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action (A/59/208)
Wednesday, 10 November	
10 a.m.	
***Item 93*: Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources**	Report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan (A/59/89-E/2004/21)
6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 90, 90 (a) and (b)	
Thursday, 11 November	
10 a.m.	
Informal consultations under item 92	
3 p.m.	
Informal consultations under item 90, 90 (a) and (b)	
6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 40 (b) and 93	
Friday, 12 November	
Eid Al-Fitr — United Nations holiday	
Week of 15-19 November	
Monday, 15 November	
10 a.m.	
Informal consultations under items 40 (b), 90 and 90 (a) and (b), 92 and 93	

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
3 p.m.	
Action on draft proposals under items 45, 85 and 85 (a) and (d), and 89, 89 (a) through (e)	
***Item 91*: Eradication of poverty and other development issues:**	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on communication for development programmes in the United Nations system (A/59/207)
	Letter dated 15 July 2004 from the Permanent Representatives of Canada and Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/59/155-E/2004/96)
(a) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006);	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) and on the International Year of Microcredit, 2005
(b) Women in development;	Report of the Secretary-General on the *World Survey on the Role of Women in Development*
(c) Industrial development cooperation.	Report on industrial development cooperation (also under item 89) (A/59/138)
Tuesday, 16 November	
10 a.m.	
Item 91, 91 (a) through (c)* — *continued	
3 p.m.	
***Item 94*: Training and research**	
(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;	Report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/59/14, Supplement No. 14)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, including details on the status of contributions to and the financial situation of the Institute (A/59/230)
(b) United Nations University.	Report of the Council of the United Nations University (A/59/31, Supplement No. 31)

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*

Wednesday, 17 November

10 a.m.

Action on all draft proposals

Thursday, 18 November

Launch of the International Year of Microcredit

6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 91, 91 (a) through (c) and 94

Friday, 19 November

10 a.m.

Informal consultations on all outstanding issues

Week of 22-26 November

Monday, 22 November

10 a.m.

Informal consultations on all outstanding issues

Wednesday, 24 November

10 a.m.

Informal consultations on all outstanding issues

Thursday, 25 November

Thanksgiving Day — United Nations holiday

Week of 29-30 November, 1-3 and 6-7 December

Monday, 29 November

10 a.m.

Informal consultations and action on all outstanding proposals

Wednesday, 1 December

3 p.m.

Informal consultations and action on all outstanding proposals

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
Friday, 3 December	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations and action on all outstanding proposals	
Monday, 6 December	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations and action on all outstanding proposals	
Tuesday, 7 December	
3 p.m.	
Conclusion of the work of the Second Committee	